



# STETSON UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY  
GRADUATE PROGRAMS

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2004

SEVEN O'CLOCK

ELIZABETH HALL CHAPEL

DELAND, FLORIDA



Stetson University  
Commencement  
Graduate Programs



# PROGRAM

President H. Douglas Lee, Presiding  
Senior Lecturer Gary Maris, University Mace Bearer  
Assistant Professor Robert W. Weickel, Associate Dean Judson P. Stryker,  
and Vice President James R. Beasley, University Marshals

## PRELUDE

*Sleepers Wake, for Night is Flying, BWV 645*  
*From Heaven Above to Earth I Come, BWV 700*

J. S. Bach

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## PROCESSIONAL

*Crown Imperial*  
Boyd Jones  
Price Professor of Organ

William Walton

## INVOCATION

Michael R. Fronk '74  
University Chaplain

## WELCOME

H. Douglas Lee  
President

## LITANY FOR COMMUNITY

Leonard L. Nance  
Associate Professor of Sociology and Anthropology  
Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Leader: Stetson University students, faculty, staff, families, and friends,

We come together to celebrate and reaffirm our commitment to each other, and to Stetson University, and to proclaim ourselves as active members of a loving and inclusive community.

**Together: We strive to transform life for the welfare of all.**

Leader: We celebrate and reaffirm our commitment to excellence in education as learners and teachers, and to our religious heritage, which inspires us to center our lives on the quest for meaning and truth.

**Together: We strive to transform life for the welfare of all.**

Leader: We celebrate and reaffirm our commitment to integrate education and action, scholarship and social responsibility, for the purpose of promoting justice on our campus, in our nation, and throughout the world.

**Together: We affirm our quest for knowledge and our commitment to transform life for the welfare of all.**

## FACULTY SPEAKERS

Debra Touchton  
Assistant Professor of Teacher Education

Stuart Michelson  
Professor and Roland and Sarah George Chair of Finance

THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES

H. Douglas Lee

STETSON  
UNIVERSITY



INSTALLATION OF NEW ALUMNI

Susan P. Anderson  
Executive Director of Development and Alumni Relations

ALMA MATER

Gary A. Meadows '59, '65

Dear Alma Mater, smile upon thy children,  
Gladly we greet thee, altogether lovely!  
Peace be within thy classic halls and temples.  
Hail, Alma Mater dear!

Dear Alma Mater, tenderly thy children  
Gather and bring to thee gracious salutations.  
Comrades, your voices lift once again in chorus;  
Hail, Alma Mater dear!

BENEDICTION

Michael R. Fronk

RECESSIONAL

*Improvisation, Op. 150, No. 7*

Camille Saint-Saëns

*The audience is asked to stand during the Processional and the Recessional.  
During the Recessional, please remain at your seat until all graduates have reached the exit.*

*Please turn off the sound for pagers and cell phones and refrain from using them during the ceremony.*

*There will be a reception at the President's House immediately following the ceremony.*



## EDUCATIONAL MISSION

Our mission at Stetson University is to provide an excellent education in a creative community where learning and values meet, and to foster in students the qualities of mind and heart that will prepare them to reach their full potential as informed citizens of local communities and the world.

At Stetson, the art of teaching is practiced through programs solidly grounded in a tradition of liberal learning that stimulates critical thinking, imaginative inquiry, creative expression, and lively intellectual debate. The art of learning is enhanced through small interactive classes, close student-faculty alliances, and collaborative approaches that provide the foundation for rewarding careers and advanced study in selective graduate and professional programs. We embrace diverse methodologies to foster effective communication, information and technological literacy, and aesthetic appreciation. We encourage the development of informed convictions, independent judgment, and lifelong commitments to learning that are characteristic features of the enlightened citizen. In bringing together learning and values, the University encourages all of its members to demonstrate personal integrity; to develop an appreciation for the spiritual dimension of life; to embrace leadership in an increasingly complex, interdependent, and technological world; and to commit to active forms of social responsibility.

## HERITAGE

Stetson University, Florida's first private university, was founded in 1883 by Henry A. DeLand, a New York philanthropist, as DeLand Academy. In 1887, the Legislature of the State of Florida enacted the Charter of DeLand University as an independent and autonomous institution of higher learning. The university name was changed in 1889 to honor John B. Stetson, the nationally known hat manufacturer who gave generously of his time and means to advance the quality and reputation of the institution, and who served, with Mr. DeLand and others, as a founding trustee of the university.

The first charter stated the object of the university should be "to promote the general interests of education, and to qualify its students to engage in the learned professions or other employments of society, and to discharge honorably and usefully the various duties of life."

Stetson's first president, Dr. John F. Forbes, clearly described the commitment to teaching which has been a hallmark of the university throughout its history:

"Buildings, libraries and apparatus are good and give added power, but the vital contact of students with a vigorous and stimulating mind and heart – this is the *sine qua non* of a successful education... The most important thing is to find men and women of large heart and mind, apt to teach and full of enthusiasm and stimulating power... to develop in the student the habit of independent judgment – of investigating statements and principles for oneself, and thus for oneself discover their truth or falsity."

## MACE

Maces were originally war instruments used for organizing mayhem, but from the 13th century have been carried by the sergeant-at-arms of the organization. In the European and in the older American universities it symbolizes the dignity and authority of the president and the corporation or the board of trustees.

Stetson's mace, designed by Episcopalian Canon Edward Nason West of New York, was presented to former president J. Ollie Edmunds in 1956 at the May Commencement ceremony. Canon West, of the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, is a leading authority on heraldry and the ancient symbolism on which much academic protocol is based.

The mace is described here by the artist:

"Stetson's mace is designed so that anyone could easily place the university's geographic location and chartering power. The palm buds from Florida's state seal form a base for the head of the mace. The legend around the bowl makes the particular institution's motive clear. The crenulations constitute what is known as a "canting device" since they are a play on the Latin word "stet" – of Stetson – meaning "may it stand." The anchor, heart and cross-repeated twice in ornamenting them—are taken from the seal of the City of DeLand. From the top of the mace, rises the shield of the university. The mace takes its basic shape from the mace of the Baptist Long Parliament, thus signifying the Baptist roots of the university."

The mace was made by Daniel Spencer, master gold and silversmith, of William Comyns & Sons, Ltd., London. The firm was established in 1645 and examples of their craft work can be found in St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey.

## MEDALLION

The President's Medallion, worn at all official academic occasions, was cast for the inauguration of former Stetson president John E. Johns in 1969. The medallion, cast in silver, is the university seal embraced by a wreath of laurel.

## THE STETSON COLORS

The Stetson colors, Green and White, were adopted about the time as the Seal. At the first commencement the stage was decorated in Green and White. It is believed that the colors were chosen from the rich green of the orange trees and the pure white of the orange blossoms, a magnificent sight in the spring throughout Florida's great citrus belt. The color white represents purity and green signifies growth.

## ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The traditional pageantry of an academic procession, such as the one which opens today's Commencement exercises, is one of the most impressive spectacles of our time. Its significance is attested by the array of handsome gowns and vividly colored hoods worn by members of the Board of Trustees, the Faculty, and other officers of the University. These display the symbols of scholarly attainment.

The earliest illustrations of gowns worn at Oxford University in England somewhat resemble cassocks worn by English teachers who found good use for the hood, or cowl, as protection against weather. The American system of academic heraldry indicates the level of a degree, the field of study in which it was earned, and the institution by which it was granted.

The American mortarboard, derived from the soft Oxford cap, is black. Its tassel, for holders of the bachelor's and master's degrees, is usually black, although gold tassels may be worn by holders of doctoral degrees and heads of institutions. The tassel is worn on the right side of the cap by undergraduates, on the left by holders of bachelor's and higher degrees.

It is the hood which provides academic regalia its color and offers the most information about its wearer. The silk lining of the hood bears the color, or colors, of the degree-granting college or university; its velvet facing reveals the color assigned to each area of study. The doctor's gown may bear velvet trimming on the front and sleeves—such as dark blue for Doctors of Philosophy (Ph.D.). A few institutions, mostly overseas but some in this country, authorize the wearing of colored robes, departing from the traditional black and brightly displaying the official colors of the university.

Candidates for Degrees

# DECEMBER 17, 2004 CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

## MASTER OF EDUCATION

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| * Debra Byrne Abbott<br>Longwood, Florida           | * Christy Lyn Gorbeg<br>Ocoee, Florida              | * Sarah-Elisabeth Priest<br>South Daytona Beach, Florida |
| * Jason Richard Adair<br>Deltona, Florida           | * Eva Michelle Griffiths<br>DeLand, Florida         | Tanya Reynolds Ramos<br>DeLand, Florida                  |
| * Holly Marie Bailey<br>DeLand, Florida             | * Nihal Mahmoud Hafez<br>Sanford, Florida           | * Jackie Ramsey<br>Orlando, Florida                      |
| * James Michael Bishop<br>Titusville, Florida       | Bonnie Jean Holzinger<br>Orlando, Florida           | * Constance Amanna Rettew<br>Winter Park, Florida        |
| * Linda Massie Davis<br>Ormond Beach, Florida       | John Aaron Hopman<br>Monteverde, Florida            | * Gina Marie Reynolds<br>Inverness, Florida              |
| * Sharon Kay Dickinson<br>DeLand, Florida           | * LaWanda Kristian Hunter<br>Daytona Beach, Florida | * Arianne Soderstrom Rivera<br>DeLand, Florida           |
| * Kathryn Bentley Dyer<br>DeLand, Florida           | Samantha Andrews Jarvis<br>Orlando, Florida         | * Robert Paul Rocke<br>Altamonte Springs, Florida        |
| * Tracy-Ann Cassandra Edwards<br>Kissimmee, Florida | Michael Anthony Jimenez<br>St. Cloud, Florida       | * Krystal Nicole Self<br>Longwood, Florida               |
| * Michael John Elliott<br>Palm Coast, Florida       | Karen E. Kuers<br>Celebration, Florida              | * James Phillip Shults<br>Barberville, Florida           |
| * Ismail Elmcharfi<br>Kissimmee, Florida            | * Kristina Lynn Lester<br>Orlando, Florida          | * Traci Morton Snodgrass<br>Daytona Beach, Florida       |
| * Martin John Evans<br>Palm Coast, Florida          | * Tara Lee Lombard<br>Arlington, Massachusetts      | * Aimee Marie Spatch<br>Lake Mary, Florida               |
| * John Martin Fanelli III<br>Palm Coast, Florida    | * Elizabeth Mayer Morris<br>Winter Springs, Florida | Michael C. Taylor<br>Ormond Beach, Florida               |
| Kay E. Florio<br>New Smyrna Beach, Florida          | * Celia Maxwell Nolin<br>Port Orange, Florida       | * Gary Harold Weedon<br>Orlando, Florida                 |
| * Karl Warren Fox<br>Orlando, Florida               | * Alicia Kay Parker<br>Edgewater, Florida           | * Michelle Doreen Youngberg<br>Deltona, Florida          |
| Gianna Rachelle Gallant<br>Deltona, Florida         | Andrew Thomas Parks<br>Monte Verde, Florida         | * Nequine N. Zandi<br>Orlando, Florida                   |
| * Robert Paul Gammons<br>St. Cloud, Florida         | Anne Judith Pierre<br>Orlando, Florida              |  |

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

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|---|--|---|
| Ethel Vivienne Anderson<br>Daytona Beach, Florida | Debra Ann Harrah<br>Franklin, Tennessee    | * Deanna Marie Paul<br>Tampa, Florida             |
| * Marsha Lea Blood<br>Ormond Beach, Florida       | Elia Maria Herrera<br>Orlando, Florida     | Charles Raymond Puckett<br>Daytona Beach, Florida |
| Angela Sue Boudreaux<br>Port Orange, Florida      | Kerrie Ann Maira<br>Daytona Beach, Florida | * Megan Elizabeth Sihle<br>Casselberry, Florida   |
| * Imre Emeric Csazar<br>Orlando, Florida          | Kelly Elaine Muller<br>Orlando, Florida    | Victoria Dawn Watson<br>DeLand, Florida           |
| Lori A. Elias<br>New Smyrna Beach, Florida        | Jose C. Oliveira<br>Celebration, Florida   |   |



# MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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| * Jason Brian Aldridge<br>Edgewater, Florida       | Stacey Lynnise Horn<br>DeLand, Florida                         | * Linda Emilia Palonen<br>Nokia, Finland               |
| Keith Travis Appleby<br>Tampa, Florida             | Howard Iken<br>New Port Richey, Florida                        | * Kwahera Richard Pephrah<br>Plano, Texas              |
| David William Barrett<br>Tampa, Florida            | * Jennifer Ann Johnson<br>Mt. Dora, Florida                    | Scott J. Priebe<br>Ormond Beach, Florida               |
| * Carey David Blaxberg<br>Gulfport, Florida        | Susan Dyer Jones<br>Ormond Beach, Florida                      | Matthew Thomas Rice<br>St. Petersburg, Florida         |
| * Noelle Elizabeth Caserta<br>Palm Harbor, Florida | * Rodney Daniel Lastinger<br>St. Petersburg, Florida           | * Anthony Jay Robinson<br>Apopka, Florida              |
| Gabryel Cosanni<br>Orlando, Florida                | Carolyn A. Liechty-Siewert<br>St. Petersburg, Florida          | Christopher John Scobie<br>DeLand, Florida             |
| * Jay Timothy Derrick<br>Longwood, Florida         | Scott Raymond Lin<br>St. Petersburg, Florida                   | Shan M. Shah<br>DeLand, Florida                        |
| Steven L. Evans<br>Gulfport, Florida               | Erin Nicole Lockhart<br>St. Petersburg, Florida                | * Douglas Michael Sheahan<br>Maitland, Florida         |
| * Michael Thomas Flattery<br>Orlando, Florida      | Stephanie Brooke Martin<br>Washington, District<br>of Columbia | * Cheryl Lynn Smith<br>Naples, Florida                 |
| * Jose Ramon Garcia<br>Clermont, Florida           | Bambie Anne Mazer<br>North Port, Florida                       | * Paul A. Stevens<br>Naples, Florida                   |
| * Mark S. Germain<br>Tampa, Florida                | John Michael McCully<br>Orlando, Florida                       | William Whiton Sunter<br>St. Petersburg Beach, Florida |
| Susan Adele Germer<br>DeLand, Florida              | Maureen E. McFarlane<br>Orlando, Florida                       | * Edwin V. Valen<br>Gulf Breeze, Florida               |
| Paul Edward Gleason<br>DeBary, Florida             | * Mary Elizabeth McKean<br>Fayetteville, Georgia               | Thomas Patrick Walling<br>Clermont, Florida            |
| Jason Broughton Gore<br>Orlando, Florida           | * Patricia Susan McTaggart<br>Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands     | Jason Matthew Walters<br>Gulfport, Florida             |
| * Solomon David Greene<br>DeLand, Florida          | Diana H. Merritt<br>St. Petersburg, Florida                    | * Leslie Ann Warhurst<br>Altamonte Springs, Florida    |
| Christopher Darcy Guedes<br>Orlando, Florida       | * Maria Jose Mondaca<br>Lake Mary, Florida                     | * Stephen Mathew Whyte<br>Bradenton, Florida           |
| Jason Allen Hamm<br>Orlando, Florida               | Aimee Michelle Moore<br>DeLand, Florida                        | Jordan P. Wyatt<br>Winter Park, Florida                |
| Brian Michael Hoag<br>Gulfport, Florida            | Sarah Keneipp Nowman<br>Lake Alfred, Florida                   |  |
| * Karon Jan Holmes<br>Winter Garden, Florida       | * Ulas Ozgur<br>Mugla, Turkey                                  |  |

## HONORS RECOGNITIONS

Stetson University applauds its December 2004, graduates who  
have achieved high honors in completing their degrees.

### BETA GAMMA SIGMA

Beta Gamma Sigma is the international honor society providing the highest academic recognition available for an undergraduate or graduate business student. Beta Gamma Sigma recognizes outstanding academic achievements of students enrolled in collegiate business and management programs accredited by AACSB International. To be eligible for membership, a student must rank in the upper 20 percent of the graduating master's class.

#### Master of Business Administration

Paul Edward Gleason  
Jason Broughton Gore  
Sarah Frances Nowman  
Anthony Jay Robinson

### CHI SIGMA IOTA

Chi Sigma Iota is the international honor society for students, professional counselors and counselor educators whose mission is to promote scholarship, research, professionalism, leadership and excellence in counseling, and to recognize high attainment in the pursuit of academic and clinical excellence in the profession of counseling.

Ethel Vivienne Anderson  
Angela Sue Boudreax  
Lori A. Elias  
Debra Ann Harrah  
Kerrie Ann Maira

### KAPPA DELTA PI

Kappa Delta Pi is an International Honor Society in Education. Organized to recognize excellence in education, Kappa Delta Pi elects those to membership who exhibit the ideals of scholarship, high personal standards, and promise in teaching and allied professions. It encourages improvement, distinction in achievement, and contributions to education. Selection as a member of Kappa Delta Pi is based on high academic achievement, a commitment to education as a career, and a professional attitude that assures steady growth in the profession.

Michael Chris Taylor



